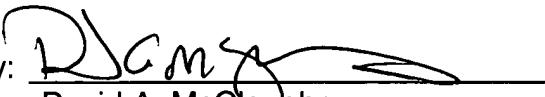


REMARKS

Claims 23-51 are now pending in the application. Amendments to claims 23-26 have been made to correspond with the terms used in the specification but do not narrow the subject matter claimed therein. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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